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### What are powerful tracing methodologies?

Insights from the regional perspective and the ATAST tracing software

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### **Background**

Cooperation between North Rhine-Westphalia (LANUV) and BfR on food tracing issues

visiting local inspectors + companies → insights in needs for efficient tracing

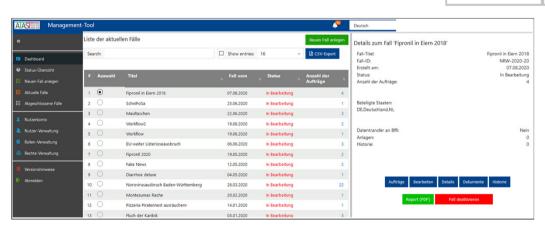
#### In general:

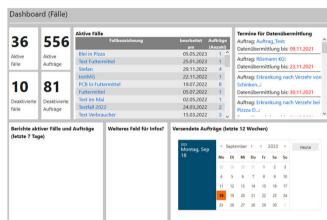
- → Software tools needed to increase data quality and speed of data collection
- → Make data collection easier for local inspectors and companies
- → Make data analysis easier + automated reporting

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#### Powerful incident management

- Intuitive, easy to use software tool
- Monitoring active incidents + investigation orders
- Creating new incident investigations
- · Central and quick access to all incident-related data
- Easy access to archived investigations
- History

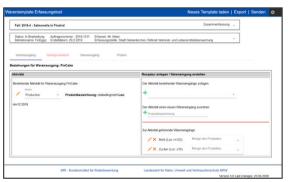




#### Powerful data collection

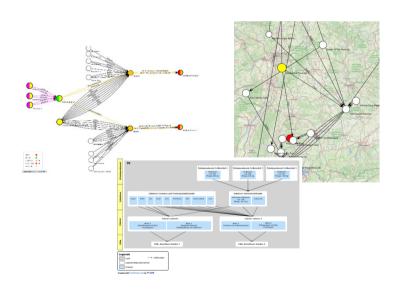
- Intuitive, easy to use software tool; web-based
- Accessibility for several actors
- Structured and guided data collection
- Plausibility checks, preferably on site
- Interfaces to registers and catalogs with curated data
- Scalability: Single food items <> Mass data collection option for company data
- → Improved data quality and speed of data acquisition

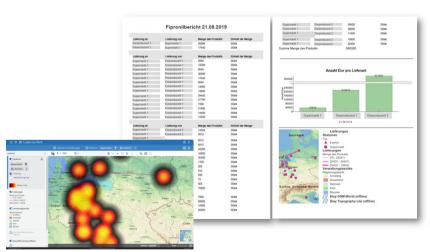




#### Powerful analyses and reporting

- Connection to powerful analysis and reporting software
- Automated reporting: predefined tables, figures + text modules; customizable/flexible
- → Faster analysis of crisis and simplified reporting





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#### Powerful data exchange

- Fast data exchange/communication between local/central; (national/international)
- Interoperability
  - Interfaces with other systems (e.g. industry databases + RASFF)
  - Data format can be translated to other compatible data formats (ATAST <> UTX)

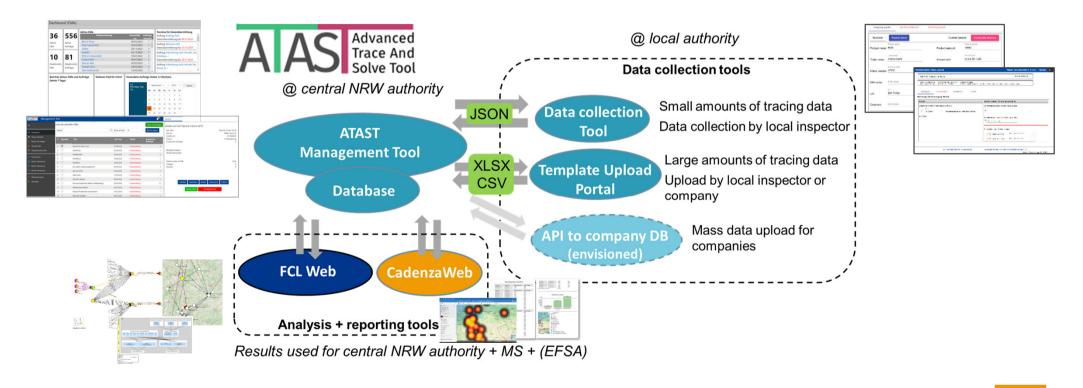
#### Other

- Scalability (from single incidents to routine)
- From local to national/international use

### Conclusion

Foodborne crises are solved faster and more reliably with powerful tracing tools

#### - From vision to reality -



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### Thank you for your attention!

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